



COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CHANGING THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE TO AN ENTERPRISE FUND

WHEREAS, Under the current structure, revenues collected by the state for the Hospital Provider Fee count towards the constitutional revenue cap created by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR); and

WHEREAS, The moneys generated by the fee are used solely for health care and are not part of the state's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, The increasing revenues generated by the fee are a significant factor in both the Legislative Council Staff's and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting's forecasted TABOR rebates for Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17 which are paid from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, The earmarking of these funds for health care prohibits their use for paying TABOR rebates; and

WHEREAS, Without a change, TABOR-mandated rebates will be paid at the expense of critical programs receiving General Fund such as higher education; and,

Now, Therefore, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education supports and endorses changing the Hospital Provider Fee to an Enterprise Fund as a means of increasing general fund availability in future years for state programs including higher education funding; and, furthermore, the Commission encourages all governing boards of public institutions of higher education to support efforts to change the Hospital Provider Fee to that of an enterprise fund.

Done this Twenty-Eight day of August, 2015.

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